

March 28, 2012

Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair Representative Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business Hawaii State Capitol, Room 312 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair McKelvey and Vice Chair Choy!

As a committee member of the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee and Managing Director of Enterprise Honolulu - the O'ahu Economic Development Board, I am writing to express my support for House Concurrent Resolution 140.

For the State of Hawai'i, to be selected as one of the national unmanned aircraft system test sites, will further position Hawai'i in the forefront of nationally acclaimed aerospace initiatives, bringing additional positive economic benefit to our State.

I ask for your consideration to support HCR140, empowering the Director of the Office of Aerospace Development to coordinate this effort, preparing and submitting a proposal on behalf of the State of Hawai'i to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Me ka pono,

Mark McGuffie

Managing Director

Enterprise Honolulu, Oʻahu Economic Development Board





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Aloha Rep. McKelvey, Rep. Choy, and Members of the Committee.

As the Chairman of the Hawai'i Aerospace Advisory Committee, I am writing to express my strong support for HCR 140, which request the Office of Aerospace Development to coordinate comments and identify a lead entity to prepare a proposal, on behalf of the State, for Hawaii to be selected by the Federal Aviation Administration as one of six national test sites for unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

Hawai'i's unique combination of civil, military and international air space and *insitu* range and aviation assets make it a natural for selection as one of these sites, which could bring new high paying jobs and extramural revenue streams to the state, as well as help establish Hawaii as a nationally recognized center of excellence for the development and testing of advanced aviation technologies.

As such, I strongly urge your committee to support passage of these resolutions to help bring these timely opportunities to the Aloha State.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Elliot Holokauahi Pulham

Chairman

March 29, 2012

Statement of
Lawrence E. Osborn
EVP & Chief Strategy Officer
DreamHammer, Inc.
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS
Thursday, March 29, 2012
8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312
in consideration of
HCR 140

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

I strongly support efforts such as this resolution to ensure the State of Hawaii is selected as one of six national test sites for the integration of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and national airspace (NAS).

Hawaii is an ideal location to conduct this activity and develop the desired capability. We have ample overwater airspace and the most benign climate on the planet. Our state hosts military ranges with robust infrastructure and an existing workforce that is ready now to support this activity. Hawaii is also home to many high technology companies that are poised to contribute to attaining the objectives posed to the Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Agency by the U. S. Congress.

UAVs have the potential to become an \$80B business worldwide in the next decade and Hawaii has a unique opportunity to assume a significant role in this exploding industry. Once UAVs are able to share NAS with manned aircraft, many commercial applications will emerge. These will include (but not be limited to) management of our environment and natural resources, physical security of critical infrastructure such as harbors and power generation facilities, agriculture, and disaster response. This new industry will also bring jobs to Hawaii. The technologies associated with UAVs and their control align well with the robotics and STEM education programs in Hawaii schools, and will provide local career opportunities for our children.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Aloha Representatives McKelvey and Choy,

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As such, I strongly urge your committee to support passage of these resolutions to help bring these timely opportunities to Hawaii.

Sincerely,

James L. Pasquino

Director, Honolulu Field Office